

I, Alexander Zinchuk, residing at 340 East 74<sup>th</sup> Street,  
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I am proficient in the English and German languages.

I have carefully made the attached translation from the  
International Preliminary Examination Report, issued in  
International Application No. PCT /EP2005/000742 written  
in the German language;

The attached translation is a true and correct English  
version of such original, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I further declare that all statements made herein on my  
own knowledge are true and that all statements made on the  
information and belief are believed to be true; and further that  
these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false  
statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or  
imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the  
*United States Code* and that such willful false statements may  
jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration  
resulting therefrom.

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

### I. Basis of the Report

This report has been drawn on the basis of (substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to invitation under Article 14 are referred in this report as “originally filed” and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

#### Description, pages

1-6 as originally filed

#### Claims, Nos.

1-7 as originally filed

#### Drawings, Sheet

1/2 – 2/2 as originally filed

**V. Reasoned Statement under Article 35(2) with Regard to Novelty, Inventive Step and Industrial Applicability; citations and explanation supporting such statement.**

**1. Statement**

Novelty	Claims 1-7	Yes
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Inventive Step	Claims 1-7	Yes
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Industrial Applicability	Claims 1-7	Yes
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**2. Citation and Explanations**

See attachment

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**(ATTACHMENT)**

**To Paragraph V**

1. In the subject Report, reference is made to the following document:

**D1:** Patent Abstracts of Japan, Bd 004 No. 002 (C-069), January 9, 1980 (01/09/1980) and; JP 54 137 464 (HITACHI Ltb, October 25, 1979 (10/25/1979).

2. Independent **CLAIM 1**:

2.1 The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT because **claim 1** is at least partially unclear. In the characterized clause the claim, when describing the arrangement of the platform, makes a reference to a machine which is neither known nor is part of the platform.

3. A corresponding clearly drafted **claim 1**, which refers to an (**Installation with a machine and a platform**) would fulfill the condition of PCT regarding novelty and inventive step.

3.1 Document **D1** is seen as the closest state of the art with respect to a such clearly drafted **claim 1**.

It discloses:

a platform (4) for industrial installations, in particular for high-pressure descenders (3a), emergency shears, and pendulum shears in rolling mill trains or the like with optionally bundled supply, discharge, and/or distribution conduits (10) which in operational position, are connectable with fixed conduits (5) of a respective machine (3), wherein an arrangement of **the polygonal platform** in an immediate proximity with predetermined distance, lateral position and height with regard to **the connectable machine** (1) is carried out.

3.2 The subject matter of **claim 1** distinguishes from the installation known from **D1** in that

(i) control units, devices, drives and drive consoles, distribution blocks, valve units, control elements and the like are distributed over a horizontal platform foundation surface according to their functions with regard to the machine.

3.3 Thus, the subject matter of **claim 1** is new (article 33(2)PCT).

4. The features according to (i) results in that the accessibility of individual unit by their arrangement on a horizontal platform improves the state of the art according to **D1** in an unobvious manner.

5. **Claims 2 through 7** depend on **claim 1** and therefore also meet the requirements of PCT regarding novelty and inventive step.
6. The subject matter of **claims 1 through 7** is undoubtedly industrially applicable (Article 33(4)PCT).